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AMERICAN.

OUR REVOLUTIONARY MOTHERS.

an order to General Sumter, who was on the

Wateree, to join him, that they might attack

Rawdon, who divided his force. But the

General could find no man in that part of the

State who was bold enough to undertake so

dangerous a mission. The country to be pas-

sed through was many miles full of blood-

thirsty tories, who on every occasion that of-

fered, imbrued their hands in the blood of

ed herself to General Green, and proposed to

act as his messenger, and the General, both

surprised and delighted, closed with her pro-

posal. He accordingly wrote a letter and

delivered it, and at the same time communi-

cated the contents of it verbally, to be told

to Sumter in case of accident. Emily was

young, but as to her person or adventures on

the way, we had no further information, ex-

cept that she was mounted on horseback, up-

on a side-saddle, and on the second day of

her journey she was intercepted by Lord

Rawdon's scouts. Coming from the direc-

tion of Green's army, and not being able to

tell an untruth without blushing. Emily was

confined to a room; and as the officer in

command had the modesty not to search her

at the time, he sent for an old tory matron

as more fitting for that purpose. Emily was

not wanting in expedient, and as soon as the

door was closed, and the bustle a little sub-

After a while the matron arrived upon

searching earefully, nothing was to be found

of a suspicious nature about the prisoner, and

she would disclose nothing. Suspicions be-

ing thus allayed, the officer commanding the

scouts suffered Emily to depart for where she

said she was bound; but she took a rout

somewhat circuitious to avoid detection, and

soon after struck in the road to Sumter's camp

where she arrived in safety. Emily told her

adventure, and delivered Green's verbal mes-

sage to Sumter, who in consequence soon af-

ter joined the main army at Orangeburg-

Emily Geiger afterwards married Mr. Thre-

wits a rich planter on the Congarce. She

has been dead thirty-five years, but it is trust-

ed her name will descend to posterity among

those of the patriotic females of the revolu-

WHITFIELD'S ELOQUENCE.-The eloquence

of this justly celebrated man was at times

tresistible. The accomplished skeptic, Ches-

terfield, was present when this popular preach-

er presented the votary of sin under the figure

of a blind beggar, led by a little dog. The

ple, with his staff between both hands groped

his way unconsciously to the side of a preci-

pice. As he felt along with his staff, it drop-

ped down the descent, too deep to send back

an echo. He thought it fell on the ground,

and bending forward, took one step to recov-

er it. But he trod on vacancy! (pausing for

field sprung from his seat, exclaiming: "My

Sound VISIBLE .- In this age of wonders

what will the world think when we assure it

that a method has been discovered and ma-

tured by which sound will be made visible to

criminate between the tones of one musical

we believe, are likely to be ere long repeated

A Cool Apology .- "Oh! exclaimed a poor

eided not to return to France, but to settle

FIGHTING BY MEASURE .- The usual place

was drawing a lease, and invited his antago-

FATHER MATTHEW says the reason why he

cannot gratify his temperance frieds, by vi-

siting the United States this spring, is, that

he has been commanded by his superior to

PUN-cars.—Is there any situation worse than that of a lawyer's clerk. Yes, that of a

A SCHOOLMASTER in Vermont, lately re-commended to his pupils, a very fine edition of Combe on the Head.

THE POLLOWING may be called a very de

Napaleon.—A naughty boy who was put in a corner because he wanted the world to play

Why is the sun like a good loaf !

"Will you apologize or .fight'

Acres, be the same more or less,"

tooth you've pulled out!" "Very sorry, sir."

astonishing issue .- [Literary Gazette.

right the next time.

in Tennessee.

heaven! he's gone !"

sided, she ate up the letter piece by piece.

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all, if I hadn't turned back, to go tother



THE GOOD BOY RECITING HIS LESSON.

Muster Calhorn .- Yessur-"Resolved-that to conquer and hold Mexico-either as a province or by incorporating it NTO THE UNION—IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE AVOWED OBJECT OF THE WAR—CONTRARY TO THE SETTLED POLICY OF OUR GOVERNMENT— IN CONFLICT WITH ITS CHARACTER AND GENIUS-AND IN THE END-MUST BE SUBVERSIVE OF ALL OUR FREE AND POPULAR INSTITUTIONS." Mr. Clay.—That's a good boy, Johnny—who knows but what you'll be President one of these days?

A YANKEE STORY.

Management,-Seth Stokes' Courtship. contrary. Well, they is a lectic so: but if vonder, any more than she wasn't just like you manage 'em right-haul in here, and without whip or spur, jest which way you

BIOGRAPHICAL & HISTORICAL BOOKS, I didn't take a likin' to any on 'em till There was many dressed finer and looked If a fellow seed her once, he couldn't look at another gal for a week. I tuk a likin' meetin' and sot in the same pew. It took me to find sarms and hims for her; and we'd swell 'em out in a manner shockin to hardened sinners; and then we'd mosey hum looking' on, as though they'd like to mix edin. I'd always stay to supper; and the way she could make injun cakes, and the and put 'em away, was nothin' to nobody. She was dreadful civil, tew, always gettin' somethin' nice for me. I was up to the hub in love, and was goin' in for it like a touch her with forty foot pole." locomotive. Well, things went on in this kinder independent lifte: When I'd go to meetin', there was no room in the pew, another chap, and leave me suckin' my fingers at the door. Instead of stickin' to me as she used to do, she got cuttin' around

> nothin' about me no more-none whatever. I got considerably riled, and thought I nite as well cum to the end on it at wunst: so down I went to have it out with her, there was a hull grist of fellers there. They seemed mity quiet till I went in : then she tried to keep my dander down; but it warn't any use-I kept movin' about as if I had a pin in my trowsers, and I sweat as if I had if it had been hang over my stock to dry .couldn't stand it; so I cleared out as quick as I cood; for I seed 'twas no use to say nothin' to her: I went strate to bed, and that gal is jest tryin' of me: 'tain't no use of our playin' possum: I'll take the kink out of her; if I don't fetch her out of that high grass, use me for sassage meat.

I heard tell of a boy wunst, that got to skewl late on one Sunday mornin'; master

"'You 'tarnal sleepin' crittur, what kept "'Why,' ses the boy, 'it's so everlasting slippry out, I couldn't get along no how; every step I took forward, I went two steps backward; and I couldn't have got here at

Now, that's jest my case. I have been puttin' ater that gal considerable time .-Now, thinks I, I'll go tother way-she'd

in our parts. About meetin' time, off I put while ses I: to Eltham Dodge's. Patience Dodge was "Air you goin' down to Betsey Masin's -Pve heard folks say that the wimmin was as nice a gal as you'd see 'twist here and quiltin' Nancy Cummins. Ephraim Mussey had goin' ?44 you manage 'em right—haul in here, and used to go to see her; he was a clever fellet 'em out there, you can drive 'em along ler, but he was dreadful jelus. Well, I Sesshe, "I a'pose you'd take Patience went to meetin' with Patience, and set rite Dodge," good many fust rate gals down there, but who had a blazen' red head, and legs like a ried " pair of compasses; she had a face as long Squire Cummins cum down there to live. as a thanksgiven' dinner. I knowed who is a nice gal." The Squire had a mighty purty darter. I she was thinkin' about, and 'twasn't the sed some of the gals was fust rate, but Nan- chap with the red head nother. Well, I min'. cy Cummins was fust rate and a leetle more, got oo in Patience about a spell. Kept my eye on Nance, seed how the cat was jumpgrander, but there was something jam about in't she did'nt cut about like she did, and

Nance, that they couldn't hold a candle to. looked rather solemnly; she'd gi'n her tew a biled beet. "Seth Stokes," ses she, and eyes to kiss and make up .I kept it up till I like to have got in a mess about Patience. to her rite off, and we got as thick as The crittur thought I was goin' arter her thieves. We had used to gow to the same for good, and got as proud as a tame turkey. One day Ephe cum down to our place, bridesmaid, will you be the bride?" lookin' as rathy as a malishy officer, on a

"Look here," ses he, "Seth Stokes," as rite hold of her hand. together, while the gals and fellars kept a loud as a small thunder clap, "I'll be darn-

"Why," ses he, "I came down to have a way I wood slick 'em over with molasses satisfaction about Patience Dodge. Here the Squire. We soon hitched traces to trot I've been cortin' her ever since last year : and she was jest as good as mine, till you cum a goin' arter her, and now I can't

"Why," ses I, "what on earth are you way for a spell, till she tho't she had me talkin' about? I ain't got nothin' to do published paper on "The Intellectuality of talkin' about? I ain't got nothin' to do published paper on "The Intellectuality of talkin's about?" with your gal; but s'pose I had, there's Domestic Animals," gives the following anecnothin for you to git wolfy about. If the dote, which is by far too good not to receive when she'd cum and she streeke off with gal has taken a likin' to me, 'tain't my fault : the benefit of a wider circulation : if I've taken a likin' to her, 'tain't her fault; and if we've taken a likin' to one another, Cloamel, while in the possession of the late 'tain't your fault; but I ain't so almighty with all the other fellers, jest as if she cared

got talkin' all manner of nonsense-sed things. Well, there was a thunderin' big and the hen was in a sad pucker-her matermoney, nor if I did they'd bin all counterfeit and I'd bin tuk up for passin' on 'em .-Well, I jest told Patience about it, when she rite up and called me a darned fool."

"Well," ses I, "Ephe, that is hard; but never you mind that—jest go on—you can git her! and when you dew git her, you please."

went, a little better pleased.

in ; she sed he wasn't.

Well, I went no more to Nancy's. Next
Sunday I slicked myself up, and I dew say, down till the Squire comed in. Down I N. Y., has just been relieved of a debt of when I got my fixins' on, I took the shine sot; she looked sort o' strange, and my hart

S18,000, by subscription mare to go to town."

clear off of any specimen of human natur, felt queer all around the edges. Arier a

Sed she "didn't know for sartin"; air you

Sas I, "shouldn't wunder a bit-Patience I looked at her-I seed the teers cum

Ses I, "may be she'll ax you to be brides-She riz rit up, she did, her face as red as

couldn't say any more, she was so full. "Won't you be bridesmaid !" ses I. "No." ses she, and she bust rite out. "Well, then," ses I, "if you won't be

She looked up at me-I swun to man never seed anything so awful putty-I tuk

"Ves or no." ses I, "rite off." "Yes," ses she.

"That's your sort," ses I, and I gin her a bues gad a hug. I soon fixed matters with in double harness for life, and I never had cause to repent of my bargain.

ANIMAL INSTINCT.

The Rev. Casar Otway, in his recently

"At the floor mills of Tubberakeena, taken with her, and you may git her for all Mr. H woold, there was a goose, which, by me; so you hadn't ought to git savage about some accident was left solitary, without mate or offspring, gander or goslings. Now it hap-"Well," ses he, (rather cooled down,) "I pened as in common, that the miller's wife am the unfuckiest thing in creation: I had set a number of dack's eggs under a hen went l'other day to a place where there which is due time were incubated; and of was an old woman died of the hots or some | course the ducklings as soon as they came such disease, and they were sellin' out her forth, ran with natural instinct to the water, chist of drawers, full of all sorts of truck; so I bought it and thought I had made a spec; but when I cum to look at 'em, there warn't nothin' in it worth a cent, except an In the meanwhile up sailed the goose, with been threshin.' My collar hung down as old silver thimble, and that was all rusted a noisy gabble, which certainly (being interup, so I sold it for less than I gave for it.— preted,) meant leave them to my care; she Well, when the chap that bought it took it swam up and down with the ducklings; and hum, he heard somethin' rattle-broke the when they were tired with their aquatic exold chist, and found lots of gold in it, in a cursion, she consigned them to the care of thought the matter over a spell—thinks I, false bottom I hadn't seen. Now if I had the hen. The next morning down came again tuk the chist hum, Pd never found that the ducklings to the pond, and there was the goose waiting for them, and there stood the hen in her great flustration. On this occasion we are not at all sure that the goose invited the hen, observing her maternal trouble-but it is a fact that she being near the shore, the hea jumped upon her back, and can file the rough edges off jest as you there sat the ducklings swimming, and the goose and hen after them, up and down the That tickled him; it did, and away he pond. And this was not a solitary event; day after day, the hen was seen on board the Now, thinks I, it's time to look after goose, attending the ducklings up and down, Nance, Next day down I went. Nancy in perfect contentedness and good humor; was all alone, I axed her if the Squire was numbers of people coming to witness the circounstance, which continued until the duck-"Cause," says I, (makin' beleev I want- lings coming to days of discretion, required been sli'tin' of me, and now I'll slite her— ed him,) "our colt sprained his foot, and I no longer the joint guardianship of the hen what's same for the goose is sass for the gen- cum to see if the Squire won't lend me his and goose."

take half the product for the area. To find the area of a circle.-Multiply the circumference by half the diameter, and the product will be the area.

To find the circumferance of a circle from the diameter.-Multiply the diameter by 22 the whigs. At length Emily Geiger presentand divide by 7; or to be more exact, multiply the diameter by 355 and divide by 133. To find the area of an oval .- Multiply the longest diameter by the shortest; then multiply the product by the decimal 7.754.

MECHANICS' NOTE BOOK.

The following convenient rules for Mechanics

and others, although not perfect in their frac-

tional parts, are nevertheless correct enough

for all practical purposes .- They were com-

piled by a writer in one of our exchanges:

To find the area of a Triangle .- Multiply

the base by the perpendicular height; and

To find the contents of a pyramid or conc .-Find the area of the base, and multiply that area by the perpendicular height, and take one third of the product for the contents. To find the solidity of a sphere or globe .-

Multiply the surface by the diameter and take one sixth of the product for contents.

ANECDOTE OF MR. ADAMS .- A correspondeat of the New York Commercial Advertiser gives an illustration of the humorous trait in Mr. Adams character. Shortly after his e'ection to the Presidency, while he was receiving an assemblage of his fellow citizens at Baltimore, a young man slightly incbriated and who was known as a violent partizan of Jackson, came up to be introduced with others. Taking Mr. A.'s hand, he said, with mauldin gravity-"I call (hie-up) to pay my respects to the President, but (hic-up) I'm a Jackson man, sir, and hope, sir, you'll take good care of our great and glorious Constitution." "I will, sir," replied Mr. Adams; I'll do my best to take good care of the Constitution of the United States, and I hope," he added in a whisper, still holding the young man's hand, "I hope you will take as good care of yours."

CONFIDENCE IN THE PEOPLE.-When the Revolutionists who won the Republic for France had forced their way into the Palais Royal and had reached the apartments of Gen. Athalia, one of Louis Phillippe's aid de-camps, they encountered the General's lady, a woman of dignified deportment and stature, whom the general had esponsed for her rare beauty, being but the daughter of a poor lisherman of Granville. "My friends," she exclaimed, "I trust you have not come here to offer any injury to myself or my husband. when I lived down at Elton, there was till after meetin'; she had a feller with her Ses she, "I heard you're goin' to marter of the people"; I throw myself then confidently on your protection. But I will not leave my husband; he is confined to his bed by illness " The band were struck with the boldness of the appeal. They repaired to the general's chamber, placed him in an armchair, and headed by this daughter of the records, they conveyed him to a friend's house in the neighborhood. On reaching his destination the General recollected leaving a sum a moment.) and as he fell headlong. Chesterof 130,000f. (£5,200) in notes and gold in his desk. He handed the key of the desk to a working man in a blouse, whom he did not know. An hour after the man returned with every son of the money. This is by no means a solitary instance of the disinterestedness and nobility of mind displayed by the people during these most glorious three days.

A BRAVE WOMAN-HOMICIDE. - An unknown man demanded admittance last week into the house of Mrs. Roberts, living near New Albany, Indiana, on the Charleston Road by any material cause? The experiments, in the absence of her husband. The individual said that he wanted admittance to the premises, which being refused, he attempted to enter at the front door, then attempted to force a window, stating at the same time, he intended to gain a lmittance fat the risk of his life." During this time, Mrs. R. had loaded a gan which she had in her possession, with a heavy charge of buckshot, and taking a deliberate aim by resting the piece upon a table when the ruffian had forced the window in such a manner as to enable him to enter the house, she fired, and the whole contents lodged in the right side, just below the nipple, causing almost instantaneous death. A Coroner's inquest was held. Verdie!- "Justifiable homicide."

Bu Figg. -The winds and the waves may beat against a rock, planted in a troubled sea but it remains unmoved. Be you like that rock, young man. Vice may spread her net; the mellow voice may entice, and the song and the dance may invite. Beware. Stand firmly at your post. Let your principles shine forth unobscured. There is glory in the thought that you have

resisted temptation and conquered. Your bright example will be to the world what the light house, is to the mariner upon a lee shore It will guide hundreds to the port of virtue

The Boston papers mention a Penguin's egg, taken from the island of Ichaboe, fifty. go to Rome. eight feet below the surface of Guana. A calculation based upon the accumulation of the guane, proves the egg to be six thousand four hundred and eight years old. A person inquired of Rothschild how he

contrived to accumulate so large fortune. "By buying," said he, "when everybody was selling, and selling when everybody was buy-It is proved that a pair of sparrows, during the time that they have their young to feed

destroy on an average, 3360 caterpillars

At the time General Green retreated before Lord Rawdon from Ninety-Six, when he had passed Broad River he was desirous to send

GEMS OF POESY. Suggested by the announcement that "A Bill tor the Protection of the Property of Married Woman has passed both Houses" of our State Legislature. Oh, ye who in those Houses hold

The sceptre of command? Thought's sceptre, sunlit, in the soul, Not golden, in the hand! Was there not one among ye all, No heart, that Love could thrill,

To move some slight amendments there, Before you passed the bill ? Ye make our gold and lands secure; May be you do not know, That we have other property,

We'd rather not forego. There are such things in woman's heart, As fancies, tastes, affections ;--Are no encroachments made on these !

Do they need no "protections ?" Do we not daily sacrifice, To our lords-and Creation's, Some darling wish-some petted whim,

Ah, me! in vain oblations! These "cold realities" of life, --These men, with their intrusious; Do they not rob us, one by one, Of all our "warm illusions ?"

These highway robbers, prowling round, Our "young affections" stealing. Do they not take our richest store Of Truth and Faith and Feeling?

Oar "better judgment," "finer sense," We yield with souls that falter,-A costly, dainty holocaust, Upon a tyrant's altar. We waste on them our "golden" hours,

Our "real estate" of Beauty, The bloom of Life's young passion-flowers And still they talk of "Duty." Alas for those, whose all of wealth

Is in their souls and faces, Whose only "rents" are rents in heart, Whose only tenants-graces. How must that poor protection bill Provoke their bitter laughter,

Since they themselves are leased for life, And no pay-day till after! By all the rest you fontly hope, When ends this lengthened session That household peace, which woman holds,

Thank Heaven! at her discretion; If a light of generous chivalry, This wild appeal arouses, Present a truer, nobler bill! And let it pass-all houses. FRANCES S. OSGOOD

LOVE SICK RHYMES! Was I a court-plaster, I would be A patch upon her lip: To spend a life of eestacy, And sip, and sip, and sip Was I a pair of spectacles,

How dearly would I prize, A situation on her nose, To look her in the eyes! CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR AND COST A GOOD JOKE

We have read the following wondrous egend; and must say that we cannot now despair of humanity any more : The New York correspondent of the

the haman eye, its various forms and waves Philadelphia Inquirer, says the Mobile Herdemonstrated to sight, and the power to disall, tells an amusing story of a new invention against rogues, called the Combination Lock." Recently a Wall street broker. introment and another be as complete as to of considerable wealth, and who lives in observe the action of water when distributed great style in the west end of Gotham, pur-chased a beautiful fire-proof safe, in which to secure his valuables against the fiery before the royal society. The exhibition of elements, to which he affixed one of these effects on fine sand has probably led to this beautiful pieces of mechanism. They are so strangely complicated that you may lock them, hand the key to the manufacturer even, and the chances are as one to ten thousand, that he will not be able to opersufferer to a dentist, "that is the second wrong them. The wards and interior awrangements said the blundering operator, what as there of these locks are alphabetically arranged, was only three when I begar, I'm sure to be and you select a word in the language, take the letters, one by one. Thus take the word "chair"-you lock c, then h, then a, then i, then r. Now it must be unlocked It is said that the owners of the Lake steain the same way, and unless you hit upon mers, pay annually to the runners, who visit the exact word you will never be able to unthe hotels and procure passengers, not less lock it. Well, the broker in question locked his new safe according to the word shoot but after working at it for an hour or more, It is now said that Mons. Pageot, late the next morning, he could not unlock it, Minister from France in this country, has de-

and gave it up in despair.
As his funds were all locked up, says the letter, and he had no money with which to pay his notes and carry on his business that day, but as his credit was good, he raised of resort for Dublin duellists is called the sufficient for the purpose by borrowing of Fifteen Acres. An attorney of that city, in the banks. The next morning the manupenny a challenge, thought, most likely. he facturer of the lock, according to request, called to ascertain the difficulty. He said nist to meet him at "the place called Fifteen he had no doubt he could unlock the safe, if the gentleman would tell him the word to which he locked it. "Boots," was the word, and to work he set to unlock it to "boots." Well, he tried, sanguine of suc-cess, but "boots" would not unlock the safe. He tried again and again, and was no more successful. He tried an hour, two hours, and three hours, with no success.— Finally a happy thought struck him. He wiped the perspiration from his face, took a drink of water, examined the key again and looked at the broker straight in the eye, and said: "Sir, allow me to ask you how you spell boots." "How do I spell boots?" said the other. "Why, I spell it right—how do you spell it?" "Oh, never right—how do you spell it?" "Oh, never mind," said the man of combination locks, "how I spell it; how do you spell 2."
"B-u-t-s, to be sure," said the broker.—
"The d—l you do," said the lockman; "and if you spell boots bids, I will unlock the safe bids," and he did unlock it in the twinkling of an eye.

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